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1. As of April 1955 there was a great shortage of merchant marine officers in Poland. This was a result of many officers' having been called up for naval training courses of an undetermined length.
2. It appears that, according to a new ruling, merchant marine officers must also be trained as naval officers. This applies to sailors as well, all of whom must qualify as naval enlisted men.
3. As a result, older officers and sailors who had been replaced by younger men some time ago are again being sent to sea.
4. Another reason for the shortage of merchant marine officers is the fact that, out of approximately sixty graduates from maritime school, only ten to fifteen are considered fit for sea duty and the better men of this small number have been taken by the navy.

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